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| In re Patent Application of: |) | |
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| For: FUEL REFORMER AND FUEL REFORMING |) | |
| METHOD |) | |

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RESPONSE TO ELECTION/RESTRICTION REQUIREMENT

Dear Sir:

This amendment is being filed in response to the Office communication dated October 28, 2008. Please reconsider the application in view of the amendment and remarks presented below.

In response to the restriction requirement, applicant hereby elects Group I, Claims 1-6 for further examination.

In response to the species election requirement, applicant hereby elects the Species of a laser beam for further examination. As applicant understands the examiner's grouping of claims, Claim 1 is generic, and claims 2, 3, 4 all include the requisite recitations to the laser species. Thus, all of claim 1-4 are elected for further examination.

Applicant reserves the right to file divisional applications covering the subject matter of the non-elected claims and/or to request rejoinder of non-elected claims, and/or to request rejoinder of any non-elected claims as may be appropriate.

Respectfully submitted,

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